

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
March 15, 2016 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on March 15, 2016 at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Mike Cranston, Rory Wiebel, Catherine Poduska and Lori Boren. Absent: Loren Hoffman. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Boren, seconded by Poduska. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from February 16, 2016 meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Poduska, seconded by Wiebel. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - February 15, 2016 to March 15, 2016. The dock at Nature Park is being repaired. An Eagle Scout will be doing a project at Nature Park that will be a combination of a dock and extension of the existing dock plus ramp repairs. Spring soccer is in full force. There are 24 teams will approximately 195 kids registered. Swim lesson dates have been published with the first sign up date on April 2nd. Pool renovations were approved at the last Council meeting. The goal is for the pool to be open by June 1st. The Easter Egg Dash is March 26th. Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 30th, the week before Chalk The Walk.
5. Discussion regarding Nicotine Free Parks and Council request to confirm recommendation. Siders attended the Council meeting on March 7th and there were some citizens that spoke in opposition to this and wondered why the City was banning smoking in their parks. The City Administrator explained to them that smoking in the parks was already banned but this new ordinance would expand on that. Council asked Siders to bring it back to Parks and Recreation and confirm that they were in agreement with this. The board agreed that they wished to move forward with this ordinance.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Master Parks Plan and setting public hearing dates. Poduska has reformatted the proposed plan and will add pictures last to minimize the file size. Current and near future projects were discussed and whether they should be left in the plan. It was decided to wait until the plan was ready to be sent to Council, see where the projects stood and make changes accordingly. A motion was made by Boren to set a Parks and Recreation public hearing date for the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Poduska. Carried all.
7. Discussion and possible action officially naming "Sauter Park". Siders said the park has always been called "Sauter Park" but has never been officially named. With the amenities

that it has it should be considered a park. This land was donated by Ed Sauter. Board members were in agreement with moving forward with officially naming the park and making a recommendation to Council. Rory Wiebel made a motion to officialy name Sauter Park. Motion seconded by Boren. Carried all.

8. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Boren brought up the possibility of changing the air temperature policy for the pool and age requirement for attendance. Siders suggested posing the question about age requirements to each board member and ask them to respond to him. Another issue that was brought up was unpaid attendance. Boren will compile some suggested changes to these issues and forward on to board members. How swim passes are utilized was discussed.

Council is having a work session to start with the strategic plan and Siders would like to meet with Wiebel to start discussing capital improvements.

9. Old Business.

10. New Business.

11. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.